

Greetings ladies and gentlemen,

Below is the Combat Center Speed call for October 22, 2021. Of note, if departments do not provide updates to the Communication Strategy and Operations Office or confirm that their information is correct by 1300 on Friday each week, the following message will be displayed in their respective section: "There are no announcements for this section of the Speed call at this time." This is in effort to mitigate misinformation.

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#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Johnson Valley Shared Use Area is temporarily closed to the public Friday October 22, 2021 through Monday November 1, 2021 while the Marine Corps conducts critical military training in the area.

For additional information and updates, including a map of the area depicting Combat Center and Shared Use Area boundaries, please visit: <http://www.29palms.marines.mil/johnsonvalley/>.

#### APF EMPLOYEE MID-YEAR REVIEWS DUE NLT 27 OCTOBER

APF employees and supervisors are reminded that Defense Performance Appraisal Program Mid-year progress reviews are due this month. Employees should have completed their self-assessment on 22 October. Both Employee and Supervisor Progress Review Guides were emailed to government email accounts to assist. The DCPDS (MyBiz+) Login is: <https://compo.dcpds.cpms.osd.mil/>. Upon completion, employees transfer their self-assessment to their Rating Official (RO) with email notification. The RO's complete their portion; a discussion is held, and the employee electronically acknowledges receipt of the review. This should be completed NLT COB Wednesday, 27 November.

Employees without computer access must work with their Rating Official to generate the review.

Questions should be referred to your supervisor.

Physical Security/Crime Prevention section has new publications in support of Crime Prevention Month 2021. The flyers and posters are available for download on the MCAGCC Website. Please print, post, and share the publications on unit bulletin boards, BEQ duty huts, and other areas to educate and inform personnel of crime prevention awareness.

<https://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff-Offices/Installation-Support-Directorate/Provost-Marshall/Crime-Prevention/>

**PFIZER COVID-19 VACCINE BEING OFFERED.** Starting next week, the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will be offered at the West Gym only on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 0800-1600 for DoD civilians and Active Duty. Please note that the West Gym will not be open for COVID-19 vaccinations on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

Please see attached updated Pfizer Vaccine Fact Sheet and the most current screening form.

We will continue to offer mobile vaccination events. If you are interested in scheduling the mobile vaccination team to visit your workplace, please contact HMCS Arroyave or CSC Marrero.

## 29 STRONG FEATS OF STRENGTH COMPETITION – 23 OCTOBER

MCCS Semper Fit will host the “29 Strong Feats of Strength Competition” on Saturday, 23 October on Victory Field. The competition is free and open to all authorized patrons age 16 and up, and will begin at 0830. There will be four divisions: Male under 159 lbs., Male between 160-210 lbs., Male over 210 lbs., and Female Open. We are now accepting registrations! Three ways to sign up: 1) Register at our league apps webpage (MCCS SPORTS : Events : MCCS 29 Palms Intramural Sports (leagueapps.com), 2) Email your registration form to Warriorathlete@usmc-mccs.org, 3) Bring your form to Sports and Administration in Bldg. 801. For more information, please contact Dan Orosco at Daniel.Orosco@usmc-mccs.org, or Semper Fit Warrior Athlete at 760-830-1612.

**COVID-19 Vaccinations** Due to the recent increase in COVID-19 positive cases on both the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center and in the surrounding community, the Commanding General has directed a change in HPCON status to HPCON B. The implementation of additional personal protection measures in the form of the requirement to wear a facemask regardless of vaccination status is now in effect. This directive includes all persons when inside buildings/facilities located on the installation. Exceptions to this directive are installation housing, personal quarters in the barracks, brief periods of time when eating or drinking, and when alone in an office with the door closed. Facemasks shall be worn outdoors when social distancing cannot be maintained, such as formations or other general gatherings.

Our COVID response procedures will continue to evolve as we posture the installation to respond to changes in the COVID environment while ensuring continued support to our tenant commands. Additional information, including where to get a vaccine and guidance regarding installation services, may be found at our Combat Center COVID-19 media site at <https://www.29palms.marines.mil/COVID-19/>. The Combat Center will continue to provide COVID-19 information updates and make every effort to keep our Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, civilian employees, contractors, and family members informed of current risks.

The Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital is now offering a 3rd dose of the Moderna vaccine to eligible individuals with moderately to severely weakened immune systems. If you meet the criteria outlined by the CDC, it is recommended that you get a 3rd dose of an mRNA (Pfizer or Moderna) vaccine at least 28 days after your 2nd dose of an mRNA vaccine.

### Who Needs an Additional Dose of the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine?

Currently, CDC is recommending that moderately to severely immunocompromised people receive an additional dose. This includes people who have:

- \* Been receiving chemotherapy for active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- \* Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- \* Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- \* Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- \* Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- \* Active continuous treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response such as immunosuppressive medications used in the treatment of Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis, or Rheumatoid Arthritis.

Talk to your clinical care team and specialist about the need to get an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine and the best timing of a 3rd dose based on your current treatment plan. This is especially important if you are about to start or restart immunosuppressive treatment. To reach your clinical care team at the Naval Hospital, please call (760) 830-2752.

For those eligible beneficiaries with one of the above listed immunocompromising conditions, additional doses of the Moderna vaccine are available in Clinic D of the main hospital. You may schedule an appointment using the DHA

appointing portal: <https://informatics-stage.health.mil/COVAX/> or by calling 760-830-2698. Walk-ins are welcome Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For those immunocompromised individuals who have received an initial two doses of Pfizer, please use <https://www.vaccines.gov/> to find the nearest civilian pharmacy or location to receive an additional dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

Currently, the CDC does not recommend additional doses of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine for immunocompromised individuals who received an initial dose of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. The CDC also does not currently recommend additional doses of the vaccine for other chronic conditions such as high blood pressure, obesity, or diabetes.

For more information regarding the CDC recommendation for additional doses in immunocompromised individuals, please visit:

CDC Information Page: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html>

Moderna Fact Sheet: <https://www.fda.gov/media/144638/download>

Pfizer Fact Sheet: <https://www.fda.gov/media/144414/download>

Due to supporting MWX operations the COMMSTRAT office and photo studio will be temporarily closed to the public from Monday October 25, 2021 until Monday November 1, 2021. The office will be open to support MWX operations.

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## 1. AC/S MAGTF TRAINING

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## 2. AC/S RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

### SPECIAL CONGRESSION ELECTIONS FOR FLORIDA AND OHIO.

The following states have elections for federal office in the next 90 days:

-November 2, 2021: Florida Special Primary Election in U.S. Congressional District 20

-November 2, 2021: Ohio Special General Election in U.S. Congressional Districts 11 & 15

The State of Florida will conduct a special primary election on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, to fill a vacancy for the 20th Congressional District, which includes parts of Broward and Palm Beach counties. Service members, eligible family members, and overseas citizens can register to vote up until October 4, 2021. Voters can use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to register to vote, request a ballot, and update any contact information by using the completion tool available at [fvap.gov/FPCA](https://www.fvap.gov/FPCA) [<https://www.fvap.gov/fpca-privacy-notice>] or by using the fillable PDF version [<https://www.fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/fpca.pdf>]. After completing the FPCA, voters must print it, sign it, and send it to their election office in Florida. If using the FPCA to register for the first time, voters must mail the FPCA to their election office. Florida voters who are already registered and want to receive a mailed ballot must send in the FPCA as a ballot request by October 23, 2021. Registered voters who prefer to receive their ballot by email or fax can request their ballot up until Election Day. Registered voters can send their completed, signed FPCA directly to their election office by email, mail, or fax. Voters must return their voted absentee ballot by MAIL or FAX (fax only allowed if located overseas) and postmarked by 7 PM, November 2, 2021. Detailed instructions and county contact information are available at [fvap.gov/florida](https://www.fvap.gov/florida).

The State of Ohio will conduct two special general elections on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, to fill vacancies in the 11th Congressional District, which includes parts of Cuyahoga and Summit counties and the 15th Congressional district, which includes all of Clinton, Fairfield, Hocking, Madison, Morgan, Perry, Pickaway, and Vinton counties and parts of: Athens, Fayette, Franklin, and Ross counties. Service members, eligible family members, and overseas citizens can use the FPCA to register to vote up until October 4, 2021. Ohio voters who are already registered to vote can use the FPCA to request their absentee ballot up until 12PM on October 30, 2021. Voters must return their voted absentee ballot by MAIL before 12:01 AM, November 2, 2021. Detailed instructions and county contact information are available at [fvap.gov/ohio](https://www.fvap.gov/ohio) [<https://www.fvap.gov/ohio> ].

Voters from both states can verify the status of their voting materials by contacting their election office

[<https://www.fvap.gov/election-offices>] directly. Voters who do not receive their requested state absentee ballot in time to return it by the ballot return deadline, can send the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) [<https://www.fvap.gov/fwab-privacy-notice>] to their election office as a backup ballot. If the state absentee ballot arrives after sending in the FWAB, the voter may complete and submit the official ballot, too. Only one ballot will be counted. FVAP offers an email-to-fax forwarding service for voters from states that allow voted ballots to be faxed, but do not allow email return of voted ballots. Voters who do not have access to a fax machine can email their completed ballot to [fax@FVAP.gov](mailto:fax@FVAP.gov) and FVAP will forward the ballot as a fax to the appropriate election office. Additional Information for non-UOCAVA voters: If you are a uniformed service member and you are currently stationed in the same location as your voting address, you may visit [vote.gov](https://vote.gov) to register to vote and request information from your local election office to register and vote locally.

The Department of Defense is required to send this email notification starting 90 days before each election for federal office. This information is current as of October 4, 2021. As updates occur, please check the election calendars and state pages at FVAP.gov for real time information.

If you would like more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program, or need help with the absentee voting process, please go to FVAP.gov, call 703-588-1584 (toll free 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584), or email (vote@fvap.gov). The Twentynine Palms Installation Voting Assistance Office is located in Building 1459, Center Personnel Office, or call (760) 830-1800 for voting assistance.

### 3. AC/S INSTALLATION SUPPORT

MCAGCC "Trick-or-Treat" hours: 1730 to 2000 on 31 October 2021.

In general, you do not need to wear a mask in outdoor settings. However, consider wearing a mask in crowded (where it is difficult to maintain social distancing) outdoor settings and for activities with close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated. If you are fully vaccinated, to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors or out in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission where it is not possible to social distance.

#### - MISSION ASSURANCE

OCOTILLO GATE HOURS: In order to best serve the needs of the community and visitors traveling to and from the west side of the MCAGCC, Ocotillo Gate hours will be extending to midnight daily, beginning Friday, 16 July. New hours at Ocotillo Gate will be: 0500 to 2400, 7 days a week. The trial period will last from July to December. At which time, the decision will be made whether or not to make these the standard Ocotillo Gate hours.

#### - CENTER SAFETY

Supervisor and CDSO Training:

Per the MCO 5100.29C, Supervisors and CDSO's must be trained in the performance of their duties. Center Safety is currently providing training on a monthly basis. All classes are conducted in Bldg. 1523N and will start at 0730 sharp.

Those attending the CDSO training must have a copy of their appointment letter at the beginning of class. Please contact Mr. Yeager at 830-7262 or email at warrick.yeager@usmc.mil or Mr. Rios at 830-8467 or angel.rios@usmc.mil. Classes will not be scheduled more than one month out secondary to high no show rates.

**\*\*Center Safety will begin conducting CDSO Quarterly meetings for those that have been appointed as CDSO's. 1st Quarterly Meeting will be 21 October 2021 at 1000 Bldg. 1523 N.**

Topics covered will be the following:

- o ESAM's Problems – Frank Jenkins (frank.jenkins@usmc.mil)
- o Safety SOP's – Wendy Chavez (wendy.chavez@usmc.mil)
- o RMI System – Angel Rios (angel.rios@usmc.mil)
- o Mishap 300 – Franck Assilamehou (franck.assilamehou@usmc.mil)
- o Training Requirements – Warrick Yeager (warrick.yeager@usmc.mil)
- o Motorcycle – Bobby Piirainen (bobby.piirainen@usmc.mil)
- o Blood Borne Pathogen – Keith Preston (keith.preston@usmc.mil)
- o CPR/AED – Exyminue Thomas (exyminue.thomas@usmc.mil)

**\*\*Refreshments will be provided**

#### Respiratory Protection Program:

Per the MCO 5100.29C (29 CFR 1910.134), All employees assigned/required to wear a respirator due to being on the Respiratory Protection program or work in a Confined Space must be fit tested and trained in the performance of their duties. Safety is currently providing training and fit testing on an appointment basis. All fit test and training will be conducted in Bldg. 1523 N. Please contact Mr. Rios at 830-8467 or [Angel.rios@usmc.mil](mailto:Angel.rios@usmc.mil)

#### - PUBLIC WORKS

CONSERVE WATER USAGE CONCLUDED PWD thanks you for your cooperation in exercising water conservation the past Fridays. Your efforts directly contributed to a successful connection between the new Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Facility and our potable water system. Though we no longer ask to take conservation measures, please continue to be mindful of your use of our limited water resource. Thank you for your support as we work to make MCAGCC water system more resilient.

#### - MCCS

We are excited to announce that from October 11-24 the commissary will conduct its Commissary Store Brand Fall Sales event. During this time, you can expect to save even more on Freedom's Choice, Homebase, Full Circle, Tippy Toes, Topcare, Wide Awake Coffee, Carv'n Flavor, Pure Harmony and Flock's Finest brands. Commissary store brands offer the quality you come to expect from national brands at a fraction of the price.

To learn more about Commissary Store Brands go to [www.commissaries.com/shopping/commissary-brands](http://www.commissaries.com/shopping/commissary-brands)

#### - ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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#### - CENTER LOGISTICS DIVISION

Military Housing Office will be conducting the FY22 Marine Corps Tenant Satisfaction Survey (for Public Private Venture Housing) starting on October 28, 2021

The U.S. Marine Corps is actively engaged and committed to providing all service members with safe, quality, and affordable housing. In our efforts to support this mission, we are requesting your support in assessing the housing conditions, and services that are provided to you by our Military Housing Offices (MHOs) and Public Private Venture (PPV) Housing Offices. Please be on the lookout for an invitation to participate in this year's Tenant Satisfaction Survey. It only takes a few minutes, and you can take it on your personal smartphone, tablet, or computer. The Marine Corps-sponsored survey is your chance to provide feedback on your housing. Your confidential responses go directly to senior leadership. If you have any questions, please call Robert D. Niehaus, Inc. at 1-800-350-4888 or email [Survey@RDNiehaus.com](mailto:Survey@RDNiehaus.com), or speak with your local MHO representative.

#### 4. AC/S COMMUNICATIONS

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#### 5. GOVERNMENT AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The following is a self-help site with many articles that solve some of the common issues users may be having:  
<https://homeport.usmc.mil/SelfHelp/SitePages/Self-Help-KM-Search.aspx>

You can use the “search the KM articles” (just above the list) for your particular issue: For example if you receive a new CAC card and you want to get your old certificates downloaded to open older encrypted emails. Type in “CAC” and you will see an article on how to Recover CAC Certificates, along with several other quick troubleshooting articles for common CAC issues.

Type in “backup” and you will see a couple of articles on backing up your data and synching to OneDrive.

For all MCEN computer issues, please contact the enterprise service desk at 855-373-8762 or Email: ENTERPRISE\_SERVICE\_DESK@usmc.mil

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### FLU SHOTS NOW AVAILABLE FOR ALL TRICARE BENEFICIARIES

The Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital is offering the influenza vaccine, by appointment, to all TRICARE Beneficiaries with no age restrictions.

Appointments are now available Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Immunizations Clinic (Clinic C). Please call (760) 830-2654 to schedule your flu vaccine appointment.

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### WEEKLY SPECIAL SPEEDCALL LOG

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The Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital is offering the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for TRICARE beneficiaries and DoD employees. This vaccine is for children, 12 years and older, and adults. Please call (760) 830-2698 to schedule an appointment; or, visit the Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms Facebook page and scan the QR code: <https://www.facebook.com/NH29Palms>. Walk-ins are also welcome, subject to availability. Vaccines are administered in Clinic D, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Social Media Sites

- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/thecombatcenter](http://www.facebook.com/thecombatcenter)
- Instagram: [@thecombatcenter](https://www.instagram.com/thecombatcenter)
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/combatterpao?lang=en>
- Official Website: [www.29palms.marines.mil](http://www.29palms.marines.mil)
- MCCS Website: [www.mccs29palms.com](http://www.mccs29palms.com)
- MCCS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/MCCS29Palms>
- MCCS Instagram: [@mccs29palms](https://www.instagram.com/mccs29palms)
- MCCS Twitter: <https://twitter.com/mccs29palms>
- MCCS YouTube: <https://bit.ly/youtubemccs29palms>
- MCCS Flickr photo sharing: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/mccs29palms/>
- MCCS Life in 29 Sign Up: <https://bit.ly/lifein29>
- Public Works: <https://www.facebook.com/PWD.MCAGCC>